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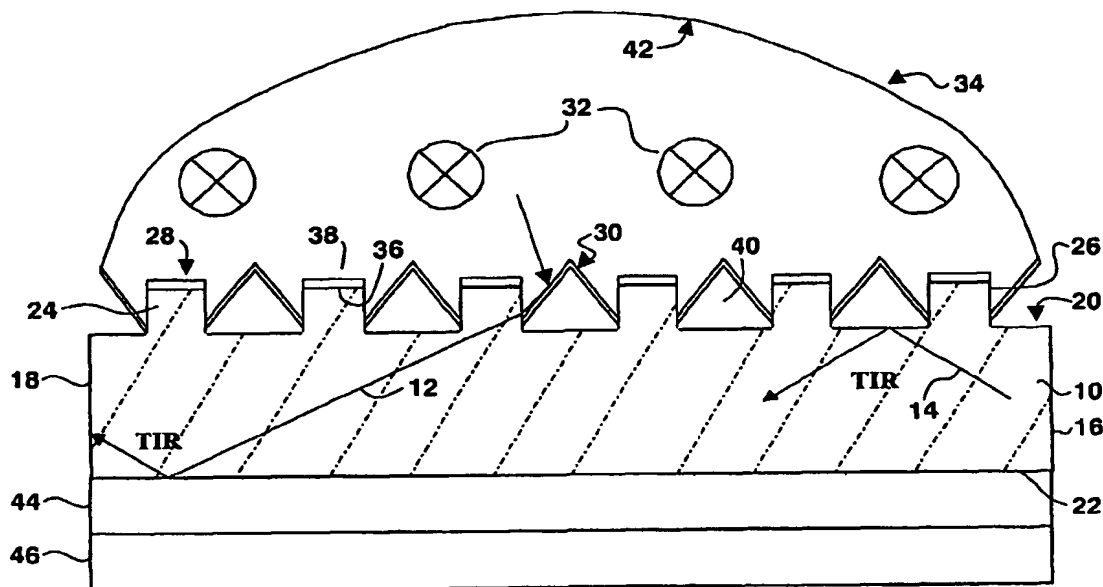
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(54) Title: DISPLAY APPARATUS WITH SCANNING BACKLIGHT



(57) Abstract: Display apparatus comprising an image-generating screen (46) repetitively scanned at a predetermined rate to display images, and a backlight for illuminating the screen. The backlight includes a light guide (10) arranged to constrain light by total internal reflection, the light guide having an output surface (22) with various locations from which light may be selectively coupled using a scanning arrangement (44). The scanning arrangement sequentially and repeatedly illuminates selected areas of said screen in synchronism with the repetitive scanning of the screen.

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Display apparatus with a scanning backlight comprising scanning means for scattering light from a total internal reflection light guide at various outcoupling locations,

wherein the scanning means comprise a flexible member (claims 4-6).

2. claims: 7-9

Display apparatus with a scanning backlight comprising scanning means for scattering light from a total internal reflection light guide at various outcoupling locations,

wherein the scanning means comprise a liquid crystal gel material.

3. claims: 14-16

Display apparatus with a scanning backlight comprising scanning means for scattering light from a total internal reflection light guide at various outcoupling locations,

wherein the outcoupling locations have specific shapes and areas.

4. claims: 18-19

Display apparatus with a scanning backlight comprising scanning means for scattering light from a total internal reflection light guide at various outcoupling locations,

wherein the light guide has an input surface with a plurality of spaced-apart incoupling elements having respective sidewalls extending transversely to said input surface, and optional reflective means disposed therebetween.

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